

difficult for the surgeon, patient, and family to come to a consensus of prognosis and desired treatment without knowledge of intraoperative findings. That is why we have chosen not to compare “ruptured versus non-ruptured” but rather “emergency, immediate, or acute presentations versus elective presentations.” The overall prognosticating benefit of this analysis may be useful to doctor and patient in reaching an informed decision, in all types of acute presentations, even before reaching the operating room and determining for certain whether free-rupture has occurred.

This study has shown that not all of the emergency presentations in thoracoabdominal aortic aneurysms have

a dismal outcome. Similarly a surgical or anesthetic team may question whether the time and effort devoted to the use of adjunctive techniques may be a wise maneuver in the setting of an emergency, immediate, or acute presentation. Our data indicate that in fact such maneuvers may favorably affect survival.

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